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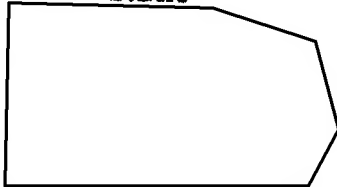
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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 29 March 1960

PRESENT: Col. Burke



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FOLLOW-UP ACTION: Operations Branch

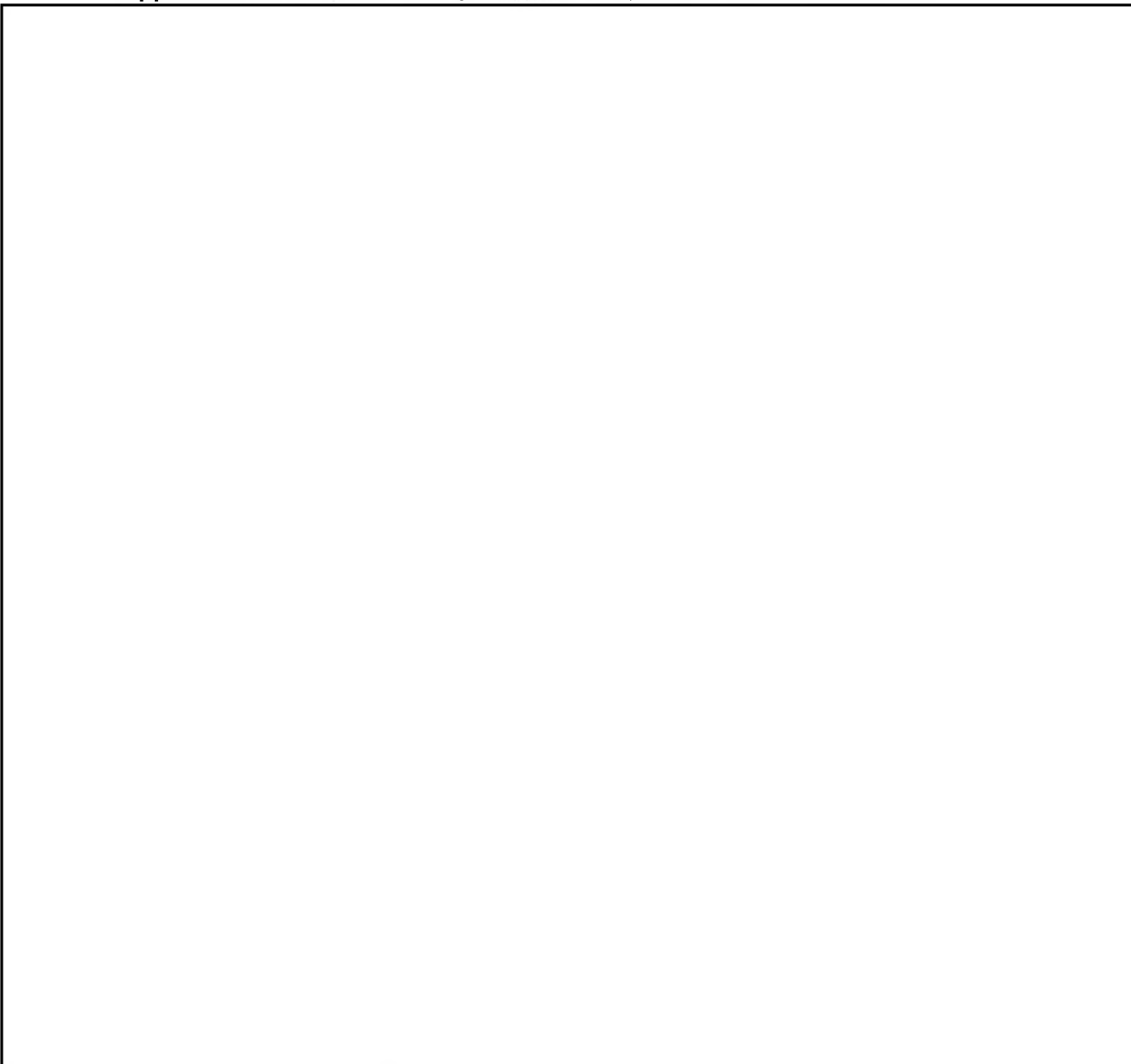
4. U-2 REQUIREMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 60-61 - A study of U-2 requirements for Calendar Year 1960-1961 has been prepared by the Operations Branch. It covers all phases of the CHALICE program and takes into consideration requirements of all branches--Materiel, Admin and Development.

5. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES - DET C STAGING - [ ] reported that [ ] was on the air six hours after landing at the staging base. This is considered a normal time to activate. However, since then, problems have been encountered and the field is using a one-time pad system which requires the continuous monitoring of groups in order to avoid extraneous traffic. In answer to Col. Burke's query, [ ] indicated that the two [ ] brought in by the staging party were apparently inoperative but he did not know the exact cause. Col. Burke stressed that this crypto equipment had presumably been certified as in working condition prior to the staging and that some explanation should be sought from Detachment C at Atsugi.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: Operations Branch/Communications Section

6. POL STATUS - DETACHMENT C - Based on tests made of cross samples sent to Pratt Whitney the LF-1A fuel at Detachment C has been approved for use. Military Specification fuel is still not cleared and will not be until the results of the tests being made at Pearl Harbor Fuel Center are available.

150,000 gallons of new Mil Spec fuel is enroute to Detachment B and 100,000 gallons enroute to Detachment C.



25X1 11. FY-1960 DEFICIT - [ ] is currently preparing a proposal to secure funds from the reserve to cover the DPD current FY deficit. As a result of a recent conversation with [ ] he will also include in it additional funds to cover unprogrammed personnel costs at Kadena [ ]

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25X1 [ ] further indicated that additional smaller deficits continue to be surfaced and that in his opinion the total of these deficits by the end of the FY will come to [ ] Col. Burke directed that each branch make a thorough study of any possible unprogrammed expenditure and report it at once to [ ]

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It was also noted that the Finance Section is presently operating with a much smaller staff than required. Two vacancies have existed in the Branch for some time, one as long as a year, and last week an additional finance officer was lost due to his transfer to Detachment C. One of the places will be taken by the returnee from Detachment C. Col. Burke suggested that every effort be made to fill the vacancies in order to insure coverage without recourse to casuals processing for overseas assignments.

12. FY 1961-1962 BUDGET DEADLINES - The deadline for branches on FY 1961-1962 budgets is 1 April. Operations Branch is the only branch that has submitted its finalized budget. Col. Burke recommended that other branches might wish to study the Operations Budget as an example of a complete and clear analysis of money requirements. Development Branch, Materiel Branch and Administrative Branch completed initial drafts and assured that final papers would be submitted to [ ] by the deadline.

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[ ] indicated that some delay was being experienced in the over-all budget in that area divisions were not replying to his request forwarded under the signature of [ ] that their unusual requirements be extended for incorporation in DPD budget.

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13. STATUS AIR OBJECTIVES STUDY - The Air Objectives Study is now in its semi-final form. A meeting will be held at 1630 on 30 March to discuss the completed paper. The administrative portion has been submitted and the Materiel input is ready for submission, a delay having been created awaiting receipt of Office of Logistics estimates.

14. STATUS CORONA - The next shots are expected to take place on April 8th and 13th. In coordination with the Cover Section, a recommendation has been made to slip the GRD shots downstream and substitute camera configuration.

15. STATUS OXCART - A supplier's meeting, concerned basically with technical problems, is being held this date on the west coast.

A decision has been made that the primary supplier for cameras configuration will be Perkins-Elmer with Eastman Kodak retained as a back-up.

16. PERSONNEL STATUS

a. KADENA - As a result of discussions held at Kadena during the recent visit of [ ] the Detachment is requesting an additional five positions to form an Operations Planning staff for deployments. The positions are two pilots, two navigators and one operations specialist. Pending the arrival at Kadena of additional personnel, [ ] is providing two pilots for ops staging use in present missions.

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As of this date, the Kadena Detachment consists of [ ] the above military personnel are expected to rotate before the end of the year. The program to fill all current and future vacancies is now underway aided by the receipt in DPD Personnel of the approved T/O.

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App. 8. [redacted] reviewed the situation now existing at [redacted] as a result of the tour completions of [redacted] both currently on extensions and both expect to be retired from the Air Force in the near future, [redacted] in July 1961 and [redacted] in January 1963. The question resolves itself into whether or not the Project wants to request additional extensions which in [redacted] case, for example, would be a total of 7 years with CIA, longer than any previous military personnel. [redacted] explained that any consideration must take into account the fact that the Air Force/CIA agreement relative to CHALICE was that a normal tour would be 3 years with possible extension of one year, provided the two units, plus the man, agree. He indicated that extensions to 5 years were rare. The problem in the present cases is whether or not DPD, due to circumstances, would wish to bend the policy of long extended tours. [redacted] recommends that in view of the experience of the two captains, and the fact that there would be less than full tours remaining on any Air Force assignment it would be in the interest of not only the Agency but the Government to keep them at their present duties. [redacted] indicated that another reason for keeping them at [redacted] is the fact that both have indicated a desire to convert to civilian status with the Agency upon retirement.

Col. Burke pointed out that it was not until this week that he was made aware of the [ ] situation and referred to the fact that a previous published directive regarding Air Force personnel had stressed that all recruitments and all replacements should be referred through him to Col. Geary and should not be the subject of unilateral branch action. It was further indicated that a replacement for [ ] had been nominated by Col. Geary's office as far back as November and that Materiel Branch had rejected the candidate without Col. Burke being made aware of the situation. Col. Burke indicated he agreed with [ ] recommendation and that upon the return of Col. Geary the two cases would be discussed. [ ] pointed out that it has been the practice to decide each case of extension on its merits and that he would reserve comment in the instant cases until the return of Col. Geary.

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Col. Burke made the point that the meetings with Mr. Bissell should include DFD and BMD representatives only.

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